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## WITHIN THE WEEK

The remarkable progress of our troops, and the comparative ease with which their objectives have been attained in Hollandia, emphasizes a condition which we have met repeatedly in the Pacific in recent wks. In our invasion of the Marshalls, and again in our reconnaissance attacks upon Truk, we found Japanese strength only a fraction of what might have been anticipated.

It would be premature and unwarranted to accept this situation as evidence of enemy deterioration. It should be emphasized that 28 mo's of war has not weakened Japan in any vital respect. Commentators who seek to convey any other impression are, we fear, indulging in wistful and wishful thinking. It is simply that the strength of the enemy has not always been where we expected to find it. Those who have been characterizing the presumed Jap naval base of Truk as "an empty shell" should bear in mind that an empty shell denotes the bird has emerged.

On the whole, Japanese naval strategy appears to be tending toward a policy of contraction. This strengthens defense of the home islands and eases Japan's supply problems while adding to our difficulties of attack. However, these delaying tactics give us more time, and since our production capacity outstrips that of Japan, the long-range advantage is ours.

**INVASION:** The surprise offensives (if they may be so termed) by Allies may be expected in near future. The successful establishment of European beachheads will open a new phase of the war, both physically and psychologically.

Significantly, the Nazis have altered their propaganda for internal consumption. Up until few wks ago, emphasis was all on impregnability of coastal defenses; impossibility of Allied forces getting a foothold. Now, *Hamburger Fremdenblatt* reflects typical attitude by preparing people for possibility of invasion "by sea and by air." The new line appears to be to highlight Nazi troop concentration in the west.

The heavy German reinforcements in Denmark this wk (as reported thru Stockholm) doubtless have a three-fold purpose: to reduce sabotage and quell insurrection (which is a very real threat); to quiet the more immediate fears of Germans within the Reich, and to serve as a possible bulwark against Allied attack.

**RUSSIA:** Relations between U S, Britain and Russia appear improved. Reports on the Stettinius conferences in London are encouraging. However, many decisions are necessarily provisional. Only the most optimistic will assume complete understanding this side of the postwar period.



## SHIFTING SANDS

Because of continued expressions of interest, we emphasize our statement of some wks ago: *The Wartime Prohibition bill is dead*. It is even doubtful if more public hearings will be held. Inside fact is that Army, Navy and WMC are all agin' the bill. On top of that, no important Congressional bloc is disposed to tackle Prohibition in election yr. . . . You can pretty well discount rumor that Pres will up sugar allotments as election-eve gesture. True, Bunker group is now making complete investigation of sugar situation, but report is pretty sure to disclose need of tight rationing for long time to come. . . . Used-car ceiling appears certain, but no one will say when. Talk is that one migr (probably Studebaker) will make ltd number of new cars under gov't specifications, without trade name. Industry doesn't like idea. . . . *Barron's* reports unmarried buck private has greater net income than single civilian making \$3600 a year.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"I rarely go to night clubs. I am thrifty and they are expensive."—ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

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"He is as balmy as Hitler."—Rep JESSIE SUMNER, Ill, voicing widespread dissatisfaction of congressmen over Patton's remarks.

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"The greatest enemy of the German people is not communism, but defeatism."—Dr ROLAND FREISLER, pres, Nazi People's court.

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"Gosh—I wouldn't fly at night if I could help it. . . I like to see where I am at."—Maj JAS. STEWART, former motion picture actor, now in aerial service and reported soon to have an important command.

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*Profound Observation, wk ending 4-29-'44:* "Naked footprints measuring 10 ft long indicated that the thief was an adult."—Item in an English paper, quoted in *Punch*.

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"We don't only want to be the place where you can find the most becoming hat you've worn in 5 yrs. but we want you to know us as the store that'll also put a new handle on your percolator."—HOCHSCHILD, KOHN & Co., Baltimore dep't store, announcing a new dep't "to make wartime living easier."

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"They met in a spirit of old friendship and reached an unshakable decision to carry on the war."—Nazi DNB news agency, reporting a meeting of HITLER and MUSSOLINI. (Dispatch made no mention of Japanese representatives who, it had been previously announced, had been invited to attend the conference.)

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"I am convinced that the best interests of all would be served if justices of the peace left marriage ceremonies to ministers of the gospel who are trained for that important function. It always is possible to find a minister."—WILLARD MCINTYRE, newly appointed justice of the peace, Kent County, Mich, pledging to perform no marriage ceremonies during his period of office.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"We work hell out of them!"—Emphatic reply of Maj Gen CHAS L SCOTT, commander, Armored Center, Ft Knox, when asked, "How do you transform tough youngsters into good soldiers?"

"By its victories the Russian army has in every way made easier for our allies the possibility of opening large scale military operations in the west and south—which is being awaited with impatience by the whole world. .

"The Russian army will press on to Germany, to achieve, in co-operation with our allies, the routing of the German Fascist army and the capitulation of Fascist Germany." — DANIEL Z MANUILSKY, executive of Communist party.

"Too many workers are listening to rumors that the bottom is soon to fall out of war production."—PAUL V McNUTT, War Manpower director.

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"I was present on the only occasion when the British Navy suffered a reverse in the Mediterranean—a table tennis match between Eisenhower and Adm Sir John Cunningham."—Sir RICHARD STORR, speaking in London.

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"It is utterly ridiculous at this stage of the war to have married men telling their families good-bye, giving up their jobs, selling their businesses, only to be told the next day it was a mistake and they will not be needed."—Sen ROBT A TAFT, Ohio

"Gen Patton was expressing his own personal views. He was not speaking for the War dep't."—HENRY L STIMSON, sec'y of War.

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"You on the end! Wipe that opinion off your face!"—A tough sergeant, quoted in a DAVE BREGER cartoon.

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"The Japanese soldier knows how to die. He is fanatic and brave. He obeys commands explicitly, and is a tricky opponent. He is also stupid."—Lt-Col HENRY L SHAFER, ret'g from Bougainville.

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"The girls in the Japanese relocation centers swoon over Frank Sinatra, too. They are just as normal as other girls."—Mrs JOAN ARAI, a Japanese-American YWCA worker at a relocation camp in Colo.

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"Pope Pius XI is three in a bed with Hitler and Mussolini."—JOHN H COWLES, grand commander Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction—a statement widely denounced and deplored by Protestant and Catholic leaders.

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"I think the Germans will never permit fighting on their own soil. When the American and British forces reach the western German frontier and Russian forces reach the German eastern frontier, Germany will crack wide open and refuse to fight."—Dr. EDUARD BENES, pres of Czechoslovakia.

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"The only welcoming I have done for some time has been the welcoming of Germans and Italians into hell. I have done quite a lot in that direction and have got about 177,000 there. . . Nevertheless, the idea of these (welcome) clubs could not be better, because undoubtedly it is our destiny to rule the world—we Americans and British"—and so the more we see of each other, the better."—Lt-Gen GEO S PATTON, addressing a Welcome Club audience in London. \*The Gen's remarks were amended, by a subsequent press release to include the Russians, the revised version reading: "—Americans, British, and of course the Russians."

"Listen to that applause, you'd think this guy was Sinatra!"—An usher at Carnegie Hall, commenting at a recent concert by NELSON EDDY.

"One of the councilmen wanted to prohibit perfume and chewing gum, also."—*Los Angeles Times*, reporting action of city council in banning smoking on street cars. (Los Angeles was one of few municipalities permitting smoking on common carriers.)

"I banana-peeled into this place and then couldn't get out."—SEWELL L. AVERY, chairman, Montgomery Ward & Co, explaining his connection with firm seized this wk by by U S in culmination of labor dispute.

"Obviously, the President is just as much disturbed and horrified by the destruction of life in this war as any member of the committee (but) the easiest way to prevent many others from being killed is to use every effort to compel the Germans and Japanese to change their philosophy. As long as their philosophy lasts we shall have more deaths, more destruction and more wars. That philosophy has nothing of Christianity in it."—STEPHEN EARLY, sec'y to Pres ROOSEVELT, answering clergymen and writers who protested "obliteration bombing."

"In return, I am going to give every member of the Atlanta ball club a 'pass' to this church!"—Rev J S THRAILKILL, pastor, Grace Methodist church, acknowledging receipt of a season pass to Atlanta's Ponce de Leon pk.

"It seems inevitable that Gov Dewey will be called upon to define not only his receptive attitude toward the nomination, but his policies, long before he is ready to speak. Thus, he will have little left to say when the Chicago convention 'calls' him as the party candidate."—Spokesman for Gov DEWEY, deploping fact that sentiment for the Gov is developing "too rapidly."

"The German soldier is ready to accept the challenge for decisive battle."—Berlin Radio, asserting that the big test lies ahead.

"The remedy for ulcers is to get out of gov't work. Mine are cured."—WAYNE COY, ex-Asst Budget Director, in a letter to HARRY HOPKINS, now at Mayo clinic.

"The Army Chaplain Corps has won more distinctions in proportion to its numbers than any combat unit, including the air force."—H R KNICKERBOCKER, *Chicago Sun*.

"I thought you would like to know that the bomb you autographed hit right in the heart of Berlin today."—Sgt JOHNNY GADDIS, Eighth Air Force, in England, in a letter to Mrs ROY PITCHER, La Juanta, Colo, whose autograph he noted while loading bombs for an aerial attack.

"I'll go along with mom."—Sgt CHAS E KELLY, "the one-man army", home from Italy on furlough. A welcoming committee had reserved a \$55-a-day suite at a leading Pittsburgh hotel for the returning hero, but the 23-yr-old Irishman would have none of it.

"We feel ashamed that the Gov't has to feed us. We want to help. But if they won't let us work we'll just have to go back to that relocation camp. We are not mad with those people. We know how they feel. But we are not responsible for what Japan did. We are just Americans and we want to do our part."—GEO YAMAMOTO, spokesman for 5 Japanese-Americans forced to abandon N J farm jobs, because of neighbors' protest.

"We think he is a fine man and a worthy candidate, but we prefer not to sponsor him publicly. Prohibition is an unpopular subject here and we do not like to stir up too much publicity. We just like to work quietly and do what we can without making a big public splash."—Spokesman for Memphis (Tenn) WCTU, commenting on scheduled speech of CLAUDE A WATSON, Prohibition party candidate for presidency. (WATSON cancelled his talk.)

"This summer may be the last bloody war summer."—Hitler's newspaper, *Voelkischer Beobachter*.

"It is wonderful to think that underneath those spring blossoms, 80,000 mines are concealed."—Gen ERWIN ROMMEL, inspecting coastal fortifications.

"Granting we are able to defeat the Germans this yr—which can happen—it would be dangerous to think that the end of the war is in sight."—Adm ERNEST J KING addressing Lions club, N Y City.

"It goes to show the need for saving every scrap of waste paper."—Miss GALE CALLENDER, Mich director, Women's Home Salvage division, WPB, pointing out that shipments of blood plasma are being slowed thru inability to obtain shipping cartons.

"All I want is to go fishing."—Lt ERNEST CHILDERS, winner of Congressional medal of honor, ret'g on furlough to his home in Broken Arrow, Okla. (But the hero was greeted with a parade, a Chamber of Commerce dinner, a band concert and radio program in his honor.)



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## COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

If the Jews Were Gone

PHILIP WYLIE

Suppose all Jews vanished at the stroke of midnight. The next day, there would still be as many crimes committed, per capita. The incidence of gangsters and rapists would rise slightly. We'd lose ground in the war, where hundreds of thousands of good Allied soldiers were missing, because the Axis would lose nobody. The strikers would still strike. John L. Lewis and Petrillo would still haunt us. There would be 4% more food—but distribution would buckle. 4% more material for clothes—and nobody much left to make clothes. And, of course, taxes would rise 4%. The movies and radio wouldn't miss a beat, in spite of what anti-Semites say. Only the quality would suffer. The market would sag, but not collapse; there aren't that many Jews in it, and the average Jew is poor.

No gain. What loss? Most of the people who make America laugh would be gone. And many who touch our hearts every day. Poets, writers, dramatists, journalists, best-loved radio and movie stars and musicians—thousands upon thousands. We'd lose hundreds of great philanthropists, myriads of lesser ones, and hundreds of thousands of the kindest people in America, besides. We'd lose so many scientists that the progress of man would be set back the length of your lifetime. If we had caused this, we'd lose the American Constitution and its Bill of Rights, our security, everybody's liberty, our self-respect, and the immortal souls of those who had contributed to the measureless catastrophe even by talk.—*Miami Daily News.*

### ACTION—Seabees

They tell a tale, out on the S Sea Isles, of two Marines and two Seabees idling along a jungle trail, back of the front.

"Look," one Marine exclaimed, "there's a Jap sniper in that tree!"

"Quick," the other Marine said, "let's get our rifles."

"Rifles, nuts!" one of the Seabees retorted. "Let's get an axe and cut the damned tree down!"—Edw ADOLPHE, "Can Do", *This Wk*, 4-16-'44.

### ADVICE

A gentleman in a telephone booth saw a girl's name, "Mabel," and a telephone number after it, marked on the wall.

He called Mabel and a voice said: "Hereafter, save your nickels and buy bonds."—*Parade.*

### AMERICANA

In the Ritz Carlton bar in Boston, an expensively dressed youth, as midnight approaches, glances at the clock, excuses himself from his friends, retrieves a cheap working-man's lunch-box from the cloak-room. "He works on the night shift at Charlestown Navy Yd," the barman explains.—LUCIUS BEEBE, syndicated col.

### ANIMALS—Dogs

On the night of April 18, 1775, when Paul Revere left his house, in anticipation of his historic ride, his dog followed him. The two walked to the edge of the harbor n of Boston where friends waited to row him to the point where he was to start the ride. Just as he was climbing in the boat, Revere discovered he had left his spurs at home.

Hastily he wrote a short note to his wife, attached it to the dog's collar, ordered the animal to go home. Soon the dog ret'd, the silver spurs hanging from his collar.—PETER BOGGS, in syndicated col, *Boggs on Dogs.*

### BIRTH CONTROL

A group of Yanks in Sicily were standing around discussing what should be done to ease the hard, penurious, miserable lives of the Sicilians. One Yank made this proposal:

"Well," he suggested, "they should institute birth control—and make it retro-active."

### BOOKS

It is reported that at a recent literary luncheon, where the topic of paper shortage held high priority, Cass Canfield of the house of Harper, rubbed his hands gleefully and reported: "Our business has shown a healthy drop in the past few days."

### What Sherman Said . . .

Gen WM TECUMSEH SHERMAN, who began his historic march thru Georgia 80 yrs ago this month, talked a great deal and was rather given to colorful expletives. In later life (he died in 1891, aged 71) the old Gen'l could never recall having uttered the three-word axiom now firmly linked with his name. However, history records at least two instances where he used the phrase in formal address:

"I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have never fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell."—From an address at Mich Military academy, 1879.

"There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory. But, boys, it is all hell. You can bear this warning voice to generations yet to come. I look upon war with horror."—Addressing a G A R convention, Columbus, O, 1880.

### CHURCH—Contributions

The value of the gift (to the church) is sometimes determined by what the giver has left.—*Moody Monthly.*

### CREDIT—Collections

In these days of prevailing prosperity, the collection agencies are paraphrasing Churchill's historic observation: "Never have so many owed so little to so few."



**DELINQUENCY—Juvenile**

Police of Jackson, Mich, nipped a budding fascist movement when they rounded up five members of a secret society of boys ranging in ages from 13 to 17. They had a long term plan whereby after 15 or 20 years of expansion they would seize the government. Meanwhile they indulged in rituals and sabotage. One 14-year-old member recently moved to Chicago, had reported to his youthful colleagues that he was doing his bit by punching holes in theatre seats. His pals, the while, were carrying on by daily wiping their feet on the United States flag and stabbing the Bible with a knife.—*Motion Picture Herald*.

**EDUCATION—Negroes**

It seems—why does it always seem in these true stories?—that a Southern town decided to spend \$85,000 on the improvement of its schools. When it came to allocating the money, it seemed that the school for white children needed a new roof, a new toilet, a new gymnasium, and, to make a long story short, the white school's need totaled up to exactly \$85,000. The principal of the Negro school was so informed. "Gentlemen," he said, "do you mean to tell me that it is going to take all of that \$85,000 to fix up the white school so the white children can get a decent education?" Yes, the committee was sorry to say, it was. "Then take it, gentlemen, take it, 'cause if there's anything we Negroes need in this town, it's educated white men."—MILTON MEYER, *The Progressive*.

**EDUCATION—Symbols**

I would suggest that the college diploma either be done away with, or else presented to all students as soon as they enter college. Thus, those who merely want a degree can have it without delay; those who are left can stay for an education.—Prof GEO ROSS WELLS, *Hartford (Conn) Seminary Foundation*.

**ERROR**

In the Brooklyn Eagle a prominent society leader's picture appeared the same day as that of an old battle ship. The captions were mixed, and under the lady's picture

ran: "Old battleship rejuvenated."—*Newspaperman*.

**GEOGRAPHY—Modern**

MacArthur, from island to island; Mark Clark, from peak to peak; Goebbels, from bluff to bluff.—SYDNEY J HARRIS, *Chicago News*.

**HOUSING—Shortage**

Amusing house-hunting ad of the wk, in Hollywood: "Have no pets but will pat yours; wife, excellent cook, will give recipes freely and invite landlord for one helluvameal. Call except from 7-9 p m when we are waiting in line at restaurants."

**INGENUITY**

It's a terrible blow to Hollywood pride, but fact is that several neighborhood movies closed recently due to temporary shortage of popcorn. Exhibitors say their margin of profit comes from lobby popcorn sales.

Which reminds us that they have been troubled lately by small

**"Hear! Hear!"**

*Let it not be said that old-fashioned oratory is on the wane. Following is from an address by Rep LOUIS LUDLOW, presenting a scroll of honor to ELMER DAVIS, director of OWI, as reported in Congressional Record:*

"The arrows of his enemies have crashed and broken on his shield. The attacks on him have been like ocean spray dashing on a rock-bound coast. Or we might liken these attacks to a gust of wind and snow beating upon a high peak of the Alpine range. Or, again, these attacks are like snowflakes which disappear on the bosom of the river, as the river continues to flow in majesty to the sea."

fry who blow up empty popcorn bags, burst them to synchronize with tender love scenes.

But bagmakers, equal to the emergency, now punch a small hole in the bottom of each bag—not large enough to emit the popped corn. A frustrated youngster can occupy himself all evening, blowing to no avail.—JIMMIE FIDLER, Hollywood reporter. (Abridged from a newspaper col and radio program.)



**CONFIDENTIALLY  
THRU A  
MEGAPHONE**

Radio is now getting set for biggest story since war's outbreak—the invasion. Original plan for all networks to pool resources, put out identical releases 1st 72 hrs, may be abandoned after initial flash. Probability is that Allied headquarters may withhold invasion announcement for security reasons. In that case, Axis may break the story.

Churchmen are renewing periodic conflict with picture producers on portrayal of clergymen; deplore tendency to caricature wearers of the cloth. Specific instance is cited in current film *A Lady of The Town*, where minister is small, timid, indecisive. Organized religion would like to see more portrayals such as vicar in *Mrs Miniver*.

Protestants are querying Sec'y Hull as to why Myron Taylor is consistently referred to in public prints as "Ambassador." When the President sent Mr Taylor to the Vatican he was termed a "personal representative."

Considerable controversy rages in radio circles over recent episode in *Ma Perkins* serial where lead character rec'd telegram from War Dep't advising her son killed in action. One faction says mothers shouldn't be reminded of such grim expectations. Sponsor contends such incidents can't be avoided if radio is honest. "If it can happen to others, it can happen to Ma Perkins."

Film characters Mr & Mrs Nick Charles, who have guzzled thru heaping handful of *Thin Man* movies will do no drinking in next script. This isn't triumph for Prohibition. Producer feels public won't relish seeing stars enjoying something they can't readily acquire.



**AGRICULTURE:** With perfection of cheap, simple, synthetic processes for converting plant life, prospect is that future farmer may grow his own coal, fuel oil, gasoline. Dr E Berl, research prof, Carnegie Inst of Tech, declares that sugar cane planted on 2.1% of America's available crop lands could produce as much gasoline as our 32 million cars used in '41.

**ARMY:** Chemical Warfare service has developed "personal envelope" for emergency troop use against sudden aerial attacks of poison gas. Soldier whips it open, spreads it over himself in few seconds. Top is transparent plastic sheeting, the remainder an impervious brown paper. To be used once, and discarded. Provides temporary protection while soldier adjusts gas mask.

**INDUSTRY:** An apron of featherweight plastic laminated cloth protects clothing of workers from saturation by water, oil, acids, chemicals, solvents. Shoulder and waist ties are adjustable. (*Canadian Business*).

**SURGERY:** Army neuro-surgical specialists recently demonstrated at Walter Reed hospital new technique for treating sciatica, which is sending 60% of afflicted back to duty. Surgeons formerly removed considerable bone in performing this operation. Now, pressure cartilage is removed, but bone left intact. Operation performed thru 1½" incision. (*United Press*).

Feat of replacing an animal's heart by heart of another animal thru transplantation operation has been accomplished at Gorky Medical inst, Moscow. Frogs were chosen for experiment. Some have lived 4 mo's. Electrocardiograms show no difference in muscle action of transplanted hearts. (*Science Service*).

#### LABOR—Shortage

A woman lawyer tells us she advertised recently for a housekeeper. A woman, answering the ad, was accompanied by a 10-yr-old daughter. They inspected the house, listened to the mistress.

"We'll take the job," said the woman, "for \$65 a mo—if you will teach my daughter to speak French. Otherwise, I wouldn't take the job for \$165 a mo. Gloria's future comes first with me."

Our friend, whose French up to that time had consisted of the words *mais oui*, said "Mais oui, but of course."

For two mo's now, she has been taking French lessons during her lunch hr—and giving French lessons after dinner. It's working out fine for everybody.—*PM*.

#### LOVE—Modern

If Romeo and Juliet lived in these times, they would never be known to history. Juliet would leave home and find herself a job at the first crack her father made against Romeo.

When Romeo finally got around to asking her to marry him, they would take the subway, go down to City Hall and get married.

Shakespeare's Juliet was the kind of woman who killed herself for love. Now, women are more likely to kill someone else for love.—*NELLIE B STULL*, "Ah! But Women Have Changed!" *American Wkly*, 4-9-'44.

#### OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

The Croatian Quisling government, headed by Ante Pavelitch, posted a \$21,000 reward for the head of Tito, the Partisan leader. In return, the Partisans have offered thirty-five cents for the capture of Pavelitch and have promised that the person who is fortunate enough to bring in the head of the Quisling will be protected from the mob that will try to snatch it away.—*Current History*.

#### OMENS—Indian

Recurrence of Derby day brings to mind an earlier occasion—a dark, cloudy day when rain seemed imminent. Col Bradley was taking bets

10 to 1 it wouldn't rain. An Indian, "Chief Johnson," came up and was asked if he wanted in on it.

The chief picked up a handful of dirt, threw it in the air, then stooped and examined the particles. "Indian sign say it won't rain today. You bet on sure thing." This put an end to the betting—and sure enough it didn't rain that day.—*MARION PORTER*, *Louisville Courier-Journal*.

#### ORIGINS

John Hay, our 1st chief justice, apparently coined the word *Americanize*. While gov of N Y in 1797, he wrote John Trumbull: "I wish to see our people more *Americanized*, if I may use that expression. Until we feel and act as an independent nation, we shall always suffer from foreign intrigue."—*Farm Jnl*.

#### RACES—Japanese

A group of us officers and enlisted men have been talking tonight. . . We are not in accord with what some people in the States are trying to do with American citizens of Japanese descent. We say, if they step out of line of faithfulness to our country, punish them severely. But don't touch one of them because of his Japanese blood. We are fighting for all American citizens. When we die for them, we don't stop to ask what blood they have. We are fighting for the sacred rights of men. We don't want them toyed with behind our backs.—Abridged from a letter written by an AAF captain in the Central Pacific, to *DONALD CULROSS PEATTIE*, author and naturalist.

#### ROUTINE—Adherence to

Opening of the baseball season in Washington this wk, brings up a typical Coolidge story.

Silent Cal was at a game in 1925, when Washington and N Y were in a tough pennant fight. The score was tied in the 9th inning, the bases were full, two were out, Walter Johnson was pitching and Babe Ruth was at bat. Coolidge got up and left. He said it was time for supper.—*AP* dispatch.

## What to do With Germans: 60 Second Solution

Whatever you may say of a LUDWIG BEMELMANS book—and critics have said many varying things—it is certain that it will be quite unlike any other book you have ever read. The author of *My War With the United States* and *I Love You, I Love You, I Love You*, has at last written a novel, *Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep* (Viking \$2.50). It is the story of Leonidas Erosa, a S American gen'l, and numerous other colorful characters including Miss Graves, the English governess who has no one to govern, and who carries her coffin with her—a handy container for the gen'l's champagne.

In this brief excerpt we find Gen Erosa in the rare mood of social scientist, solving world problems over the remnants of a good dinner:

The Gen'l and Cousin Anibal watched thru the smoke of their excellent cigars. There, in the secluded garden of the little restaurant, Monsieur Laguerrie kissed Mrs. Bosch on that spot back of her ear where the soft downy golden hairs were pulled up into her turban.

"It must be the atmosphere, perhaps the magnificent Herringsalat, the Lechon Tostado con Mojo ajo, and this excellent brandy—the benevolent medicine of all these things—that makes me suddenly clairvoyant," said the Gen'l, now completely in the imperial mood. He watched the shafts of the searchlight for a while, inhaled his brandy, and said, "I have suddenly found the solution of the German Problem—the solution forever after, Anibal."

"If you have that," said the Cousin, with the curtains of his face drawn down, "then you have something."

The Gen'l looked at Monsieur Laguerrie, who was talking earnestly to Mrs Bosch. He was sitting sideways on his chair, holding her right hand with one of his.

"You see the example before you—the problem solved." He pointed

at Monsieur Laguerrie and Mrs Bosch. "It's very simple," said the Gen'l. "But my instructions must be followed absolutely."

"You have my strictest confidence," said the Cousin.

"First of all," began the Gen'l, "the Germans must be ordered to reduce their number to the exact number of the French. Second, every Frenchman must marry a German woman, and every German man must marry a Frenchwoman. It's as simple as that. The result... the German women will be flabbergasted by the tenderness and gallantry of their new husbands, and the Frenchmen will be flabbergasted by the felicity of their sensible new wives. The perfect happiness is achieved and at last the millennium is here. . . You will admit," said the Gen'l, "that my plan is no more idiotic than some of the formulas that have been proposed." . . .

Later, in the taxi, on their way back to the boat, the Gen'l pursued the subject further:

"I've got another thought," said the Gen'l, "the perfect solution. After they are all married, we'll make Englishmen out of them—absorb them, with benevolence."

## SPEECH—Speaking

In my opinion, the ideal situation involves speaking on an empty stomach—to a well-fed audience.

Caruso, who always abstained from food before an opera performance, would illustrate his point by striking an empty crystal goblet with a knife. A fine musical note, clear and strong, would result. Then, filling the glass, he would strike it again, producing a dull, flat, unlovely sound.—EDW ALDEN JEWELL, art critic, *N Y Times*.

## WAR—Retaliation

It has always been said that for every new weapon a counter-weapon can be found, but the ultimate counter-weapon, both in this war and the last, has been only retaliation. That was true of gas in the last war and of bombing in this one. The only way that Germany would be able to defend her cities would be her ability to bomb an equal or greater number of British cities off the map. — DOROTHY THOMPSON, "The International Future," *Liberty*, 4-15-'44.



## Paul Revere's Ride

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

PAUL REVERE had other enduring claims upon our memory, not only for conspicuous patriotic service, but also for the rare skill which he attained in his trade of goldsmith. But in the popular mind, his name will always be associated with the daring midnight ride which he made 169 yrs ago last wk.

You know the rest. In the books you have read,  
How the British Regulars fired and fled—  
How the farmers gave them ball for ball,  
From behind each fence and farm-yard wall,  
Chasing the red-coats down the lane,  
Then crossing the fields to emerge again,  
Under the trees at the turn of the road,  
And only pausing to fire and load.  
So through the night rode Paul Revere,  
And so through the night went his cry of alarm  
To every Middlesex village and farm—  
A cry of defiance and not of fear,  
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door  
And a word that shall echo forevermore!  
For, borne on the night-wind of the Past,  
Through all our history, to the last,  
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,  
The people will waken and listen to hear  
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed,  
And the midnight message of Paul Revere.

Almost the whole population of San Felipe would go down to the station at 4 in the afternoon. Not that the train ever arrived at 4, as scheduled—but the station was a nice, comfortable place to gossip.

So you can imagine the surprise of the first few who gathered at 4 o'clock, to find the train chugging in on the dot.

Word of the wonder spread like wildfire. It was decided that Ignacio Cabral, the train's engineer, should be given a medal as a public tribute.

But when the speech of presentation had been made by the village *alcalde*, the flustered engineer hung his head and said, "*Siento que no lo puedo aceptar*—I'm sorry but I can't accept it."

"Of course you must accept it," the mayor said. "It is from the hearts of your *amigos*. They rejoice, for never before has *el tren* arrived with such promptitude."

"It would not be right for me to take it," gulped Ignacio.

"But why, my boy?" the mayor insisted.

"It is true I brought the train in at 4 o'clock," said Ignacio, hanging his head. "But, alas, it is yesterday's train."—*The Pan-American*.

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Reports come from Germany that even Nazi party members are laughing at some of the killer-diller anti-Nazi jokes that are circulating.

For example, St Peter decrees that the world's leaders be sent to a lake of mud in Purgatory to atone for their sins. In the shallow part of the lake, with mud only to his knees, is President Roosevelt. Churchill is in up to his waist, Stalin up to his neck—while Hitler is in only up to his ankles.

Stalin inquires of Adolf how he wangles the soft spot.

"Don't breathe a word to anybody," says Hitler. "I'm standing on Mussolini."

Such jokes have the Gestapo in a tantrum.

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A Marine in the Pacific thus philosophizes about a departed lady love: "A bargain is a good buy. A farewell is to part. To part is to leave. My girl left me without a good-bye. She was no bargain, anyway."

## GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

"Adelphi"

London Correspondent

*The Financial Post*

The late Stephen Leacock was a true professor in every sense of the word—scholarly, philosophical and almost incredibly absentminded.

When he was last in London, it was my pleasure to interview him. Three times during our conversation, the telephone rang. On each occasion, Dr Leacock would arise, walk to the entrance hall—and open the front door!

A medical student, about to be inducted into the Army, recently underwent an operation in a suburban hospital. The establishment was chronically short of help, and the nurse's aid who timidly entered his room on the fifth evening was an obvious novice.

"They said to get you ready for bed," she began, "but you are my first patient. What am I supposed to do?"

"Perfectly simple," the patient replied. "You fluff up my pillows, rub my back with alcohol and then kiss me goodnight."

The young miss followed the routine faithfully and to the complete satisfaction of her patient. But at the door she paused and pondered. "That last part," she reflected, "I'll bet I wasn't supposed to do at all."

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The farmer was anxiously hunting his cow, which had strayed during the night. "Don't worry," said the Little Girl From the City, "she can't go far, 'cause I saw a man drain her crankcase last night."

It was a hot August afternoon at one of our southern Army camps. A tough, seasoned sergeant had been drilling raw, awkward recruits until the men were ready to drop.

A captain, passing, paused for a moment to eye the spectacle with evident displeasure. An especially clumsy recruit had the ill luck, at that precise moment, to drop his rifle. The captain called the culprit out of line. "How long," he asked witheringly, "have you been in the Army?"

The recruit looked up, all the weariness and woe of the world writ upon his countenance as he stammered, "A - a-all day, sir."



The absentee problem in Berlin is acute. Every day a few more factories fail to show up for work.—*Chicago News*.

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Spring is the time of yr when it is mighty easy to even get tired of resting.—*N Y World-Telegram*.

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Then there's the '44 office boy who asked for the afternoon off because his grandmother was playing right field.—*Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

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Remember when Uncle Sam could live within his income—and without yours?—*Progressive Grocer*.



